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## Arizona Department of Public Safety Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Bureau Discovers 2,800 Pounds of Marijuana during a Traffic Stop

On November 25, 2008, at about 8:20 a.m., a traffic stop was conducted by the Arizona Department of Public Safety's (DPS) Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Bureau (CVEB) on a commercial tractor pulling a dump trailer on Valencia Boulevard westbound near Camino De Oeste in the Tucson area.

During the commercial vehicle inspection, several bales of marijuana were observed which were hidden under a cover of dirt in the trailer. The bales of marijuana, which weighed an estimated 2,800 pounds, were seized. The marijuana has a street value of over \$1 million dollars.

The driver of the commercial vehicle, Victor M. Siqueros, 50, from Huachuca City, Ariz., was arrested and booked into the Pima County Jail on charges of possession of marijuana, possession of marijuana for sale, and transportation of marijuana for sale.

As a result of the Department of Public Safety's tireless effort to dismantle and disrupt the criminal organizations that manufacture, grow, transport, and sell illegal drugs, communities in Arizona and across the United State are becoming safer places to live.

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Photos are available and will be sent out on a separate e-mail.

The mission of the Arizona Department of Public Safety, one of the most dynamic state-level law enforcement agency in United States, is to protect human life and property by enforcing state laws, deterring criminal activity, assuring the safety of the motoring public on Arizona's highways and providing vital scientific, technical and operational support to other criminal justice agencies. The Department, also one of Arizona's largest law enforcement agencies with some 2,200 sworn and civilian employees, consists of four divisions – Highway Patrol, Criminal Investigations, Criminal Justice Support and Agency Support. The Department is headquartered in Phoenix with offices located in more than 80 communities within Arizona's 15 counties.